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Clinton Carpenter**

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0027
Repository	Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	President Clinton E. Carpenter Papers
Date range	1932-1991, Bulk 1940-1946
Extent:	1.4 linear feet (3 boxes)
Creator(s)	Clinton E. Carpenter; Students and Faculty of the Worcester State Teachers College (Worcester State University).
Language(s)	English
Abstract	<p>This collection features the papers of Clinton Everett Carpenter (1892 - 1946), the fourth president of the Worcester State Teachers College. Included in this collection are speaking notes from Carpenter's time as the director of teacher training at the Fitchburg State Normal School as well as from his time as president of the Worcester State Teachers College. Also featured in this collection are the personal and professional correspondence from Carpenter's time as president of Worcester State Teachers College, which include his correspondence with enlisted students during World War II (1939-1945). This collection also contains various personal items including Carpenter's mother's Bible, a letterbox , and an article written in 1991 detailing the discovery of the WWII correspondence.</p>

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands. Materials are fragile and must be handled with care. When provided, utilize photocopies rather than fragile originals
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
Citation format	[Item title, year] Worcester State University President Clinton E. Carpenter Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library.

ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)	2017.006
Provenance	Transferred to the archives by the Worcester State University advancement office.
Processing information	Materials were housed in archival boxes in folders and organized. Materials were arranged into series and placed in acid-free archival folders and boxes.
Biographical and historical information	This collection contains the papers of Clinton Everett Carpenter (1892 - 1946). Born in Seekonk, MA on June 3, 1892, Carpenter graduated from Attleborough High School in 1911 and entered into the Bridgewater State Normal School in 1914. Carpenter was a school teacher in Seekonk at the

time of both his marriage to Alice Beatrice Upham and his draft into WWI in 1917. Near the end of the war, Carpenter was one of two American veterans selected to study at the University of Clermont-Ferrand in France, where he focused on the public school system of Paris. After returning home, Carpenter worked as a teacher in the Taunton (MA) public schools and served as a principal of the Mark Hopkins school in North Adams (MA) for several years. Carpenter completed graduate work in education at Harvard, Columbia and New York Universities before receiving his Masters in Education from Boston University in 1932. In 1928 Carpenter became the director of teacher training at the Fitchburg State Normal School (MA) where he spent 12 years, before becoming the 4th president of Worcester State Teachers College on December 31, 1939. Carpenter navigated the school through the difficult post-depression years as well as the entirety of the Second World War. Carpenter also served as the Treasurer of the New England Teacher Preparation Association for one year before his death (1945-1946). Carpenter died while in office on June 20, 1946 at 54 years old.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains papers relevant to Clinton Carpenter's time as the director of teacher training at the Fitchburg State Normal School (1928-1936) as well as his time as President of the Worcester State Teachers College (1940-1946). These include his speaking notes, some of which are undated, and his correspondence with students during World War II. The correspondence during the war was both personal and professional as some of it relates to students continuing their studies while enlisted. This collection also includes Carpenters mother's Bible, some unidentified family photographs and a

leather letter box, which were found in his office at his time of death.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged in four series.

Series I

Correspondence, 1941-1955

This series features Clinton Carpenter's correspondence as president of the Worcester State Teachers College. Featured are the correspondence between Carpenter and his many students who served at home and abroad during World War II.

Series II

Notes, 1932-1941

This series features speaking notes from Clinton Carpenters time as director of teacher training at the Fitchburg State Normal School as well as his early years as the president of Worcester State Teachers College.

Series III

Personal, 1940, n.d.

This series features personal artifacts that belonged to Clinton Carpenter including his mothers bible, photographs of unknown family members and various prayers.

Series IV

Worcester State Emphera, 1949, 1991, n.d.

This series contains various printed materials and photographs related to Worcester State as well as an article from 1991 detailing the discovery of correspondence between Carpenter and students serving in World War II.

ACCESS POINTS

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

People Carpenter, Clinton E., 1892 - 1946

Organizations Massachusetts State Normal School, Fitchburg
Worcester State Teachers College
Worcester State University

General Massachusetts - Teachers Colleges- History
Subject Terms Worcester (Mass) -History
World War II - Correspondence

RELATED COLLECTIONS

Collections at Worcester State University Archives and Special Collections

WSU. 0001 Worcester State University Course Catalogs
WSU.0002 Worcester State University Yearbooks
WSU .0020 President William B Aspinwall Papers

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

Series I	Correspondence, 1941 - 1955
Box/fldr	Title
1.1	Correspondence: General, 1942-1946, n.d.
1.2	Correspondence: Personal, 1941-1955
1.4	Correspondence: WWII; Baker, Jim, 1942, 1944
1.5	Correspondence: WWII; Barrios, Alfred, 1943 - 1944
1.6	Correspondence: WWII; Barsoum, Elias, 1943 -1944
1.7	Correspondence: WWII; Berry, Gil, 1943
1.8	Correspondence: WWII; Beals, Richard, 1944
1.9	Correspondence: WWII; Creamer, Ray, 1942
1.10	Correspondence: WWII; Cutler, Joe, 1942
1.11	Correspondence: WWII; Evans, Paul, 1942-1944
1.12	Correspondence: WWII; Fox, Robert, 1943, n.d.
1.3	Correspondence: WWII; General, 1942-1944, n.d.
1.13	Correspondence: WWII; Halko, Henry, 1944
1.14	Correspondence: WWII; Hamilton, Robert, 1942
1.15	Correspondence: WWII; Hultquist, Warren, 1943 - 1944, n.d.
1.16	Correspondence: WWII; Kelley Fred, 1942 -1946, n.d.
1.17	Correspondence: WWII; Laird, George, 1943-1944
1.18	Correspondence: WWII; Lowe, Raymond, 1942
1.21	Correspondence: WWII; McDonald, Everett, 1943
1.19	Correspondence: WWII; McGee, Fewer E., 1942 - 1945, n.d.
1.20	Correspondence: WWII; Melia, John, 1942-1944, n.d.
1.22	Correspondence: WWII; Sullivan, Leo, 1943 - 1944
1.23	Correspondence: WWII; Teittinen, A.H., n.d
Series II	Notes, 1932 - 1941
Box/fldr	Title
1.24	Notes: 1935, 1939-1941, 1943
1.25	Notes: n.d.

1.26	Notes: n.d
1.27	Notes: Fragments; n.d.
1.28	Notes: Notebooks; 1932 - 1939, n.d.

Series III Personal, 1940, n.d.

Box/fldr Title

2.1	Personal: Ephemera; 1940, n.d
3.1	Personal: Item one; letterbox, n.d. 3.1
3.2	Personal: Item two; mothers bible, n.d. .
2.2	Personal: Photographs; n.d.
2.3	Personal: Prayers; n.d.

Series IV Worcester State Emphera, 1949, 1991, n.d.

Box/fldr Title

2.4	Worcester State Emphera: Admin Building photographs; n.d
2.6	Worcester State Emphera: Class picture; n.d.
2.5	Worcester State Emphera: Clinton Carpenter photograph; n.d
2.7	Worcester State Emphera: Newspaper Clipping; 1991
2.8	Worcester State Emphera: Printed Materials; 1949, n.d.

